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## Fire Detection Systems Update

Dear Parents

I am writing to update you on the situation with the school's fire detection systems. The good news is that school will be open tomorrow, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, following work on the fire detection systems this morning.

Late yesterday afternoon the main school building was struck by lightning which 'fried' the connection between the main block and the EYFS block. Our three buildings fire detection systems are linked to a main control board in the main foyer and we operate a 'one out all out' fire evacuation routine. We were unable to silence the alarms or reset the systems and without working fire detection systems we had to close today.

Engineers have worked on the systems today and we now have all three fire detection systems working. Until more extensive repairs can be undertaken during half term the EYFS fire alarm will work independently from the main building and linked two storey teaching block. This means that until the link is re-established we will, in the event of a fire alarm, operate separate EYFS/Main build and new block evacuation procedures as the alarms will, at the moment, not connect to each other. We will practice these procedures in the next few days.

Please contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tanley M...", is written over the printed name "Head Teacher".

Head Teacher

*With Christ in our hearts we grow in love to help others.*